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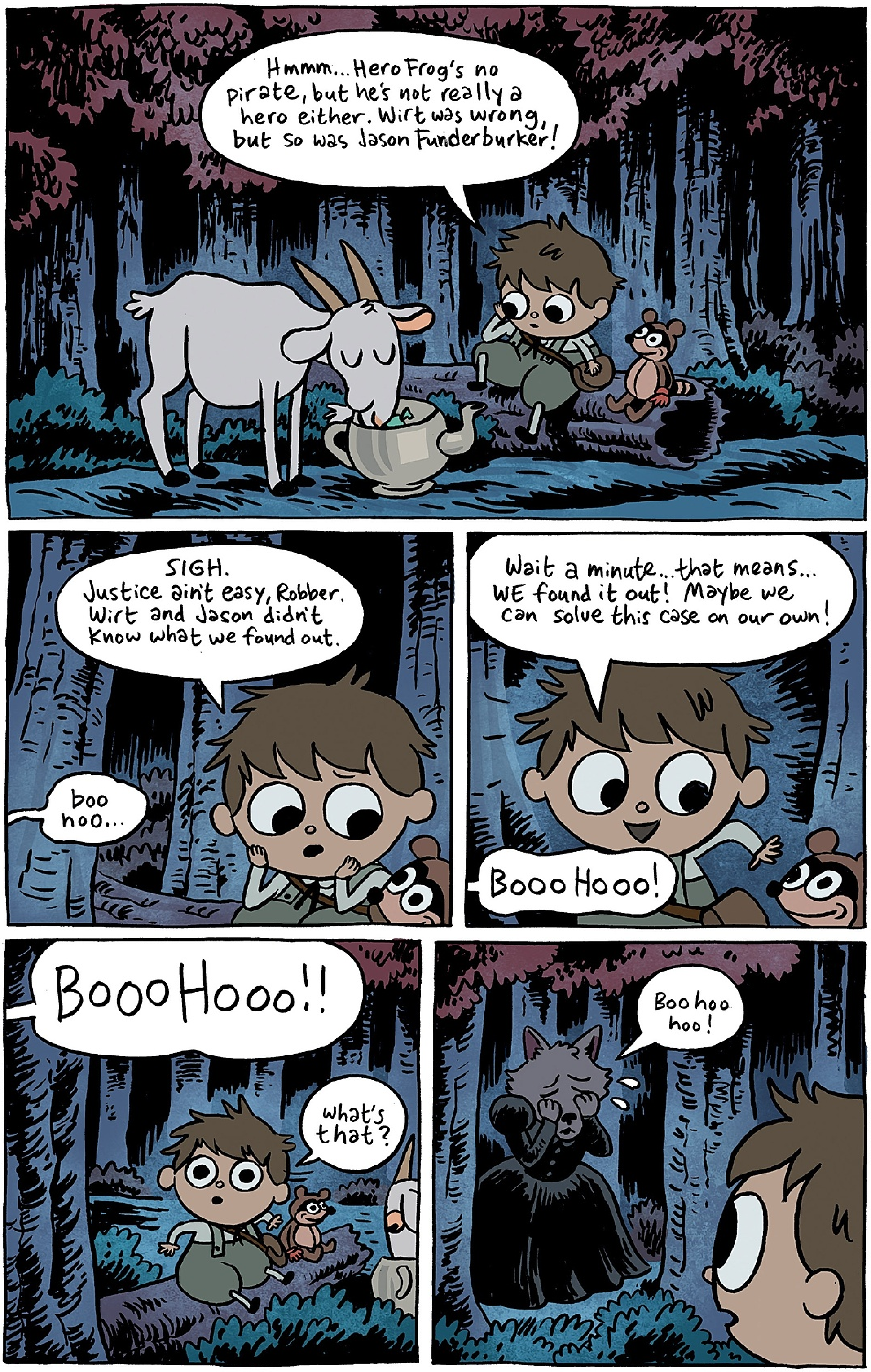
Hmmm... Hero Frog's no pirate, but he's not really a hero either. Wirt was wrong, but so was Jason Funderburker!
SIGH. Justice ain't easy, Robber. Wirt and Jason didn't know what we found out.
boo hoo...
Wait a minute... that means... WE found it out! Maybe we can solve this case on our own!
Booo Hooo!
Booo Hooo!!
what's that?
Boo hoo hoo!

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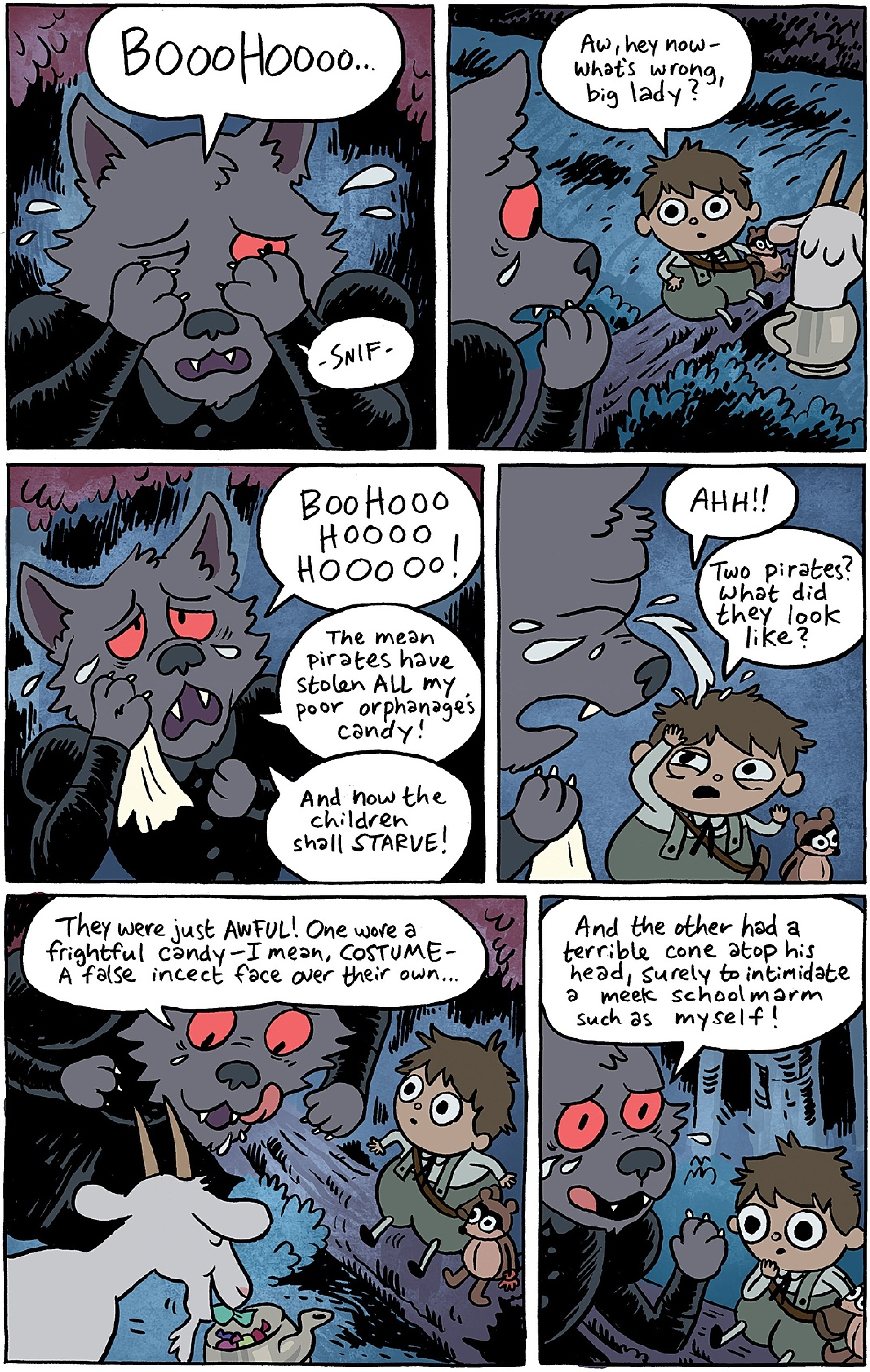
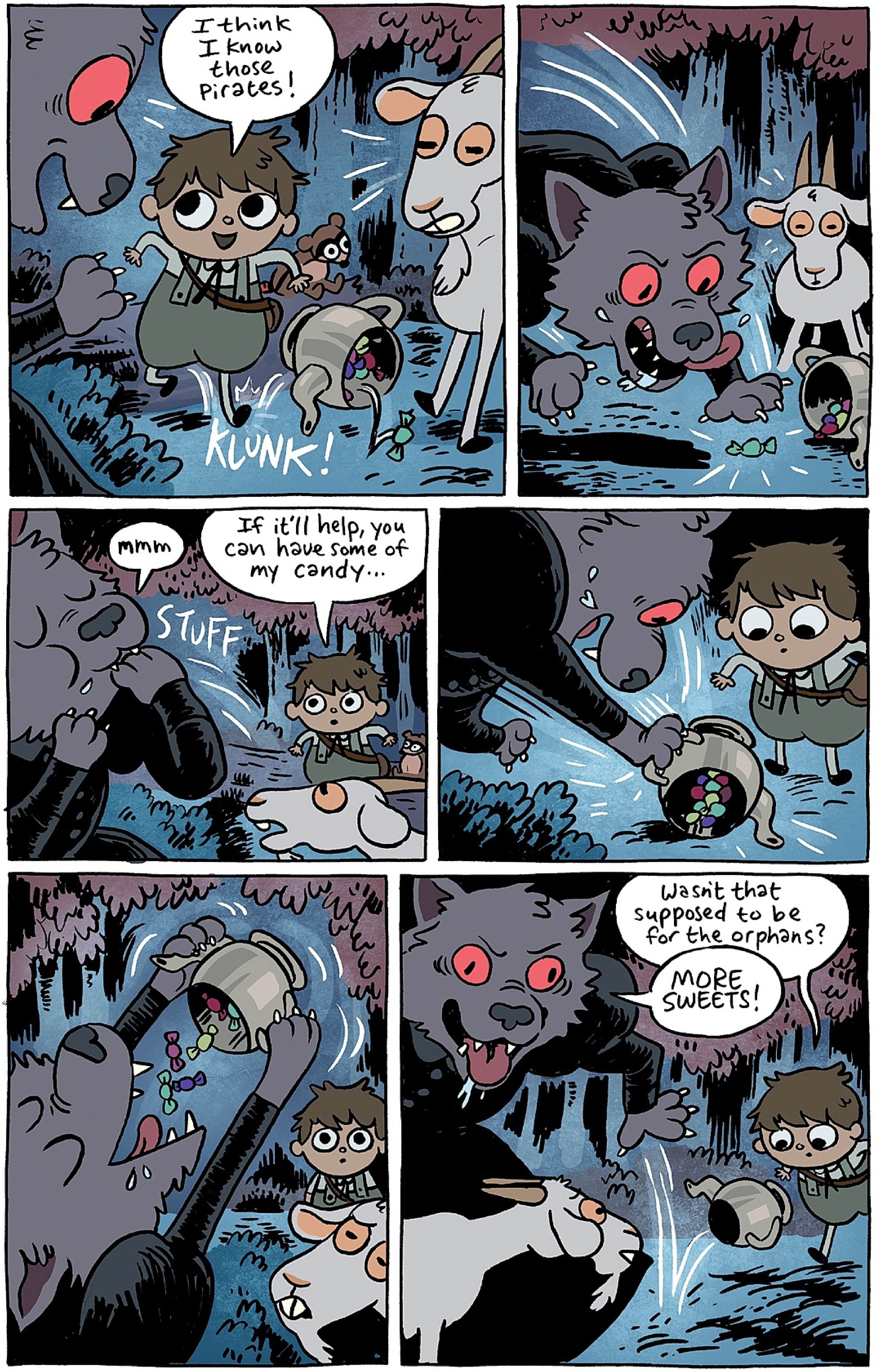
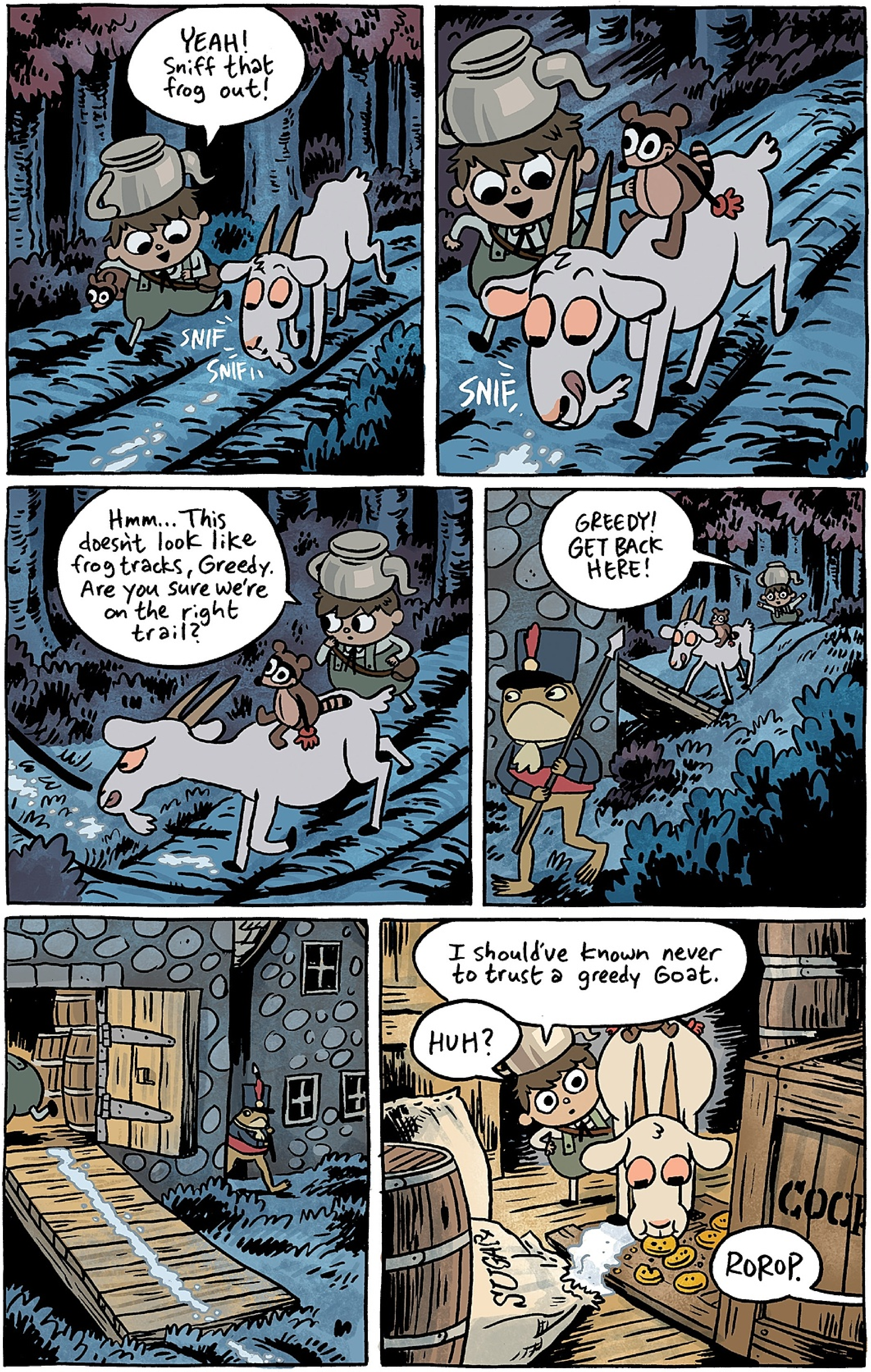
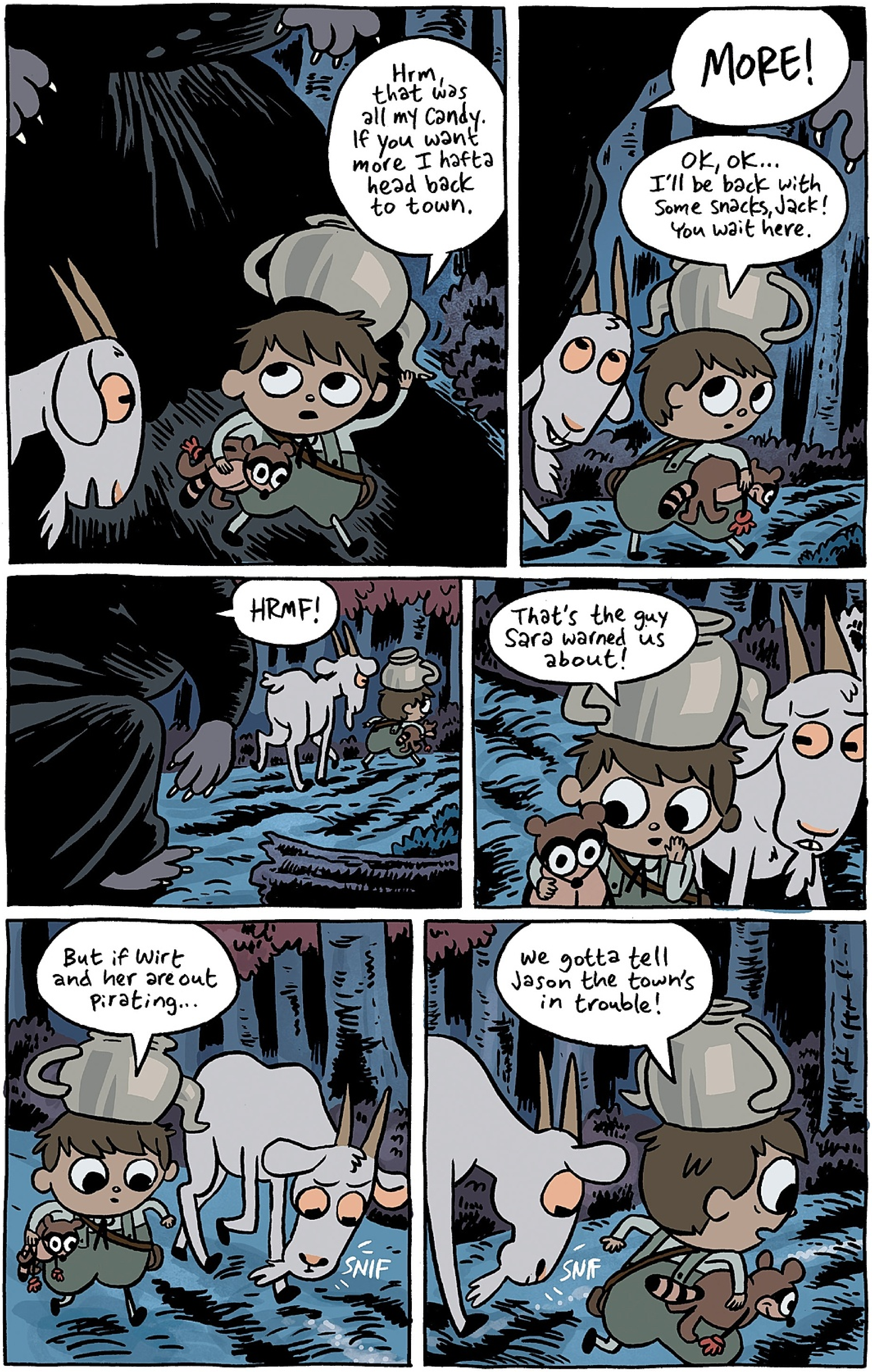
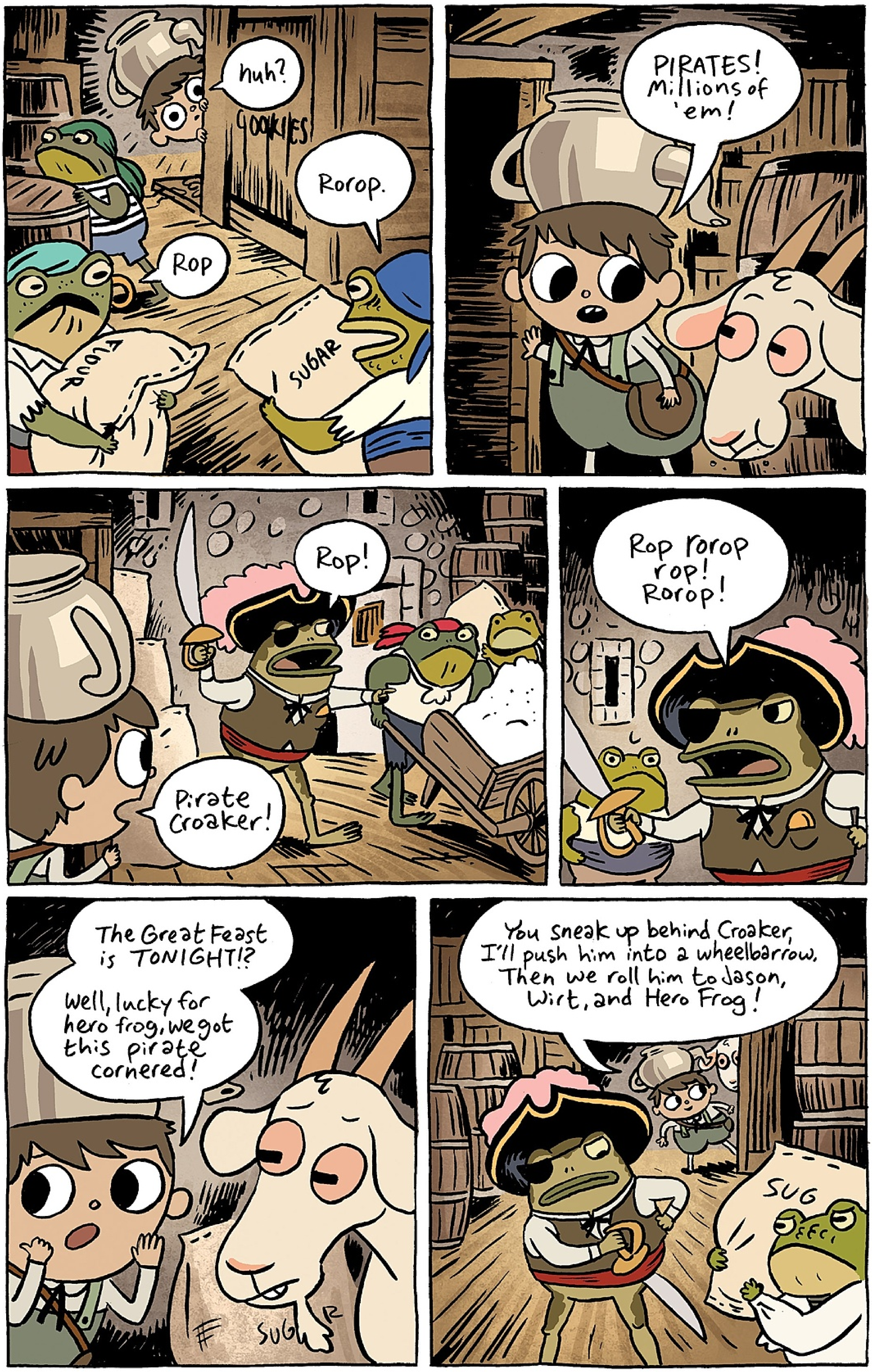
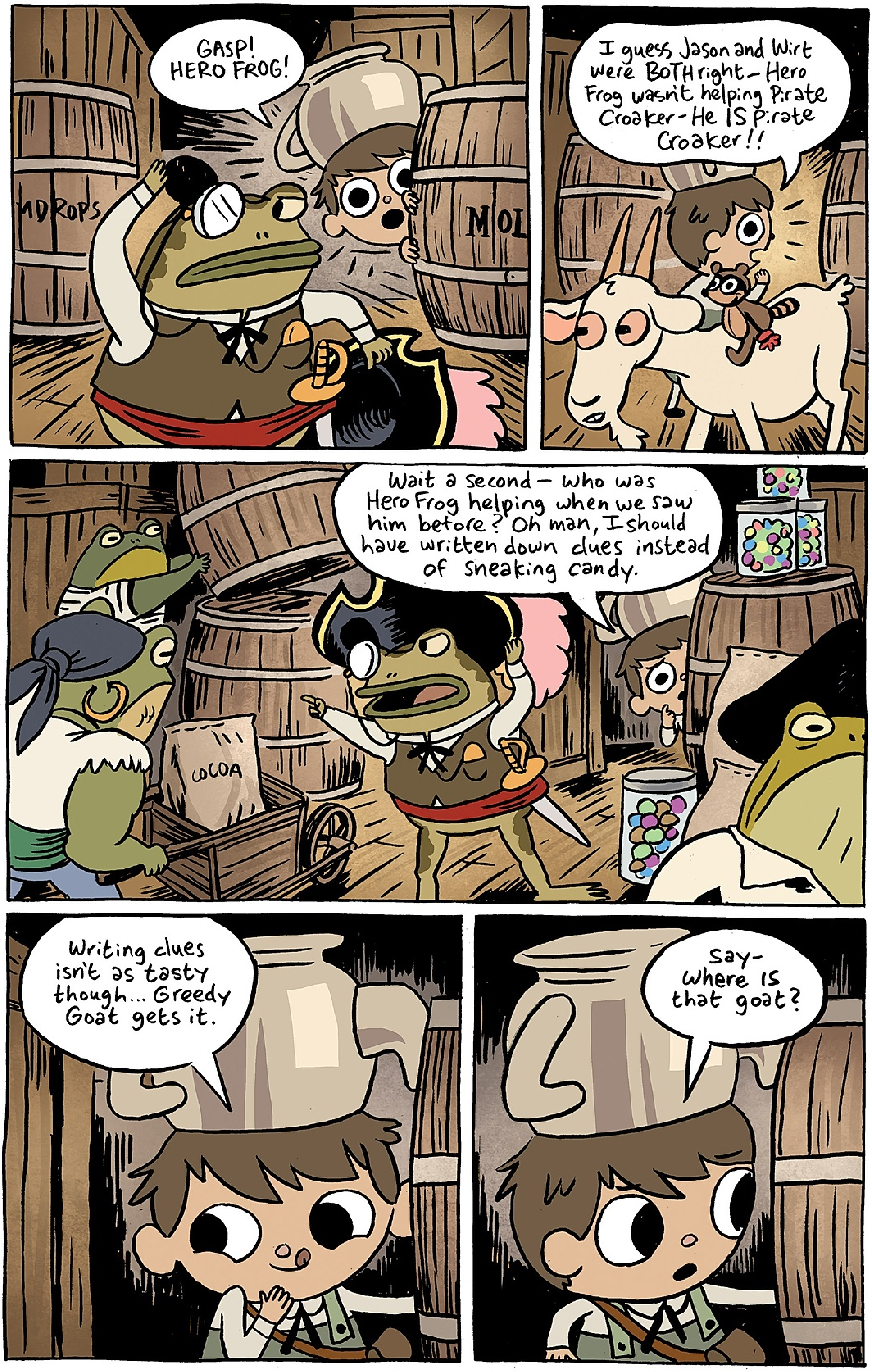

BoooHoooo...
-SNIF-
Aw, hey now-
what's wrong,
big lady?
BooHooo
HOOOO
HOOOOo!
The mean
pirates have
stolen ALL my
poor orphanage's
candy!
And now the
children
shall STARVE!
AHH!!
Two pirates?
what did
they look
like?
They were just AWFUL! One wore a
frightful candy-I mean, COSTUME-
A false incect face over their own...
And the other had a
terrible cone atop his
head, surely to intimidate
a meek schoolmarm
such as myself!

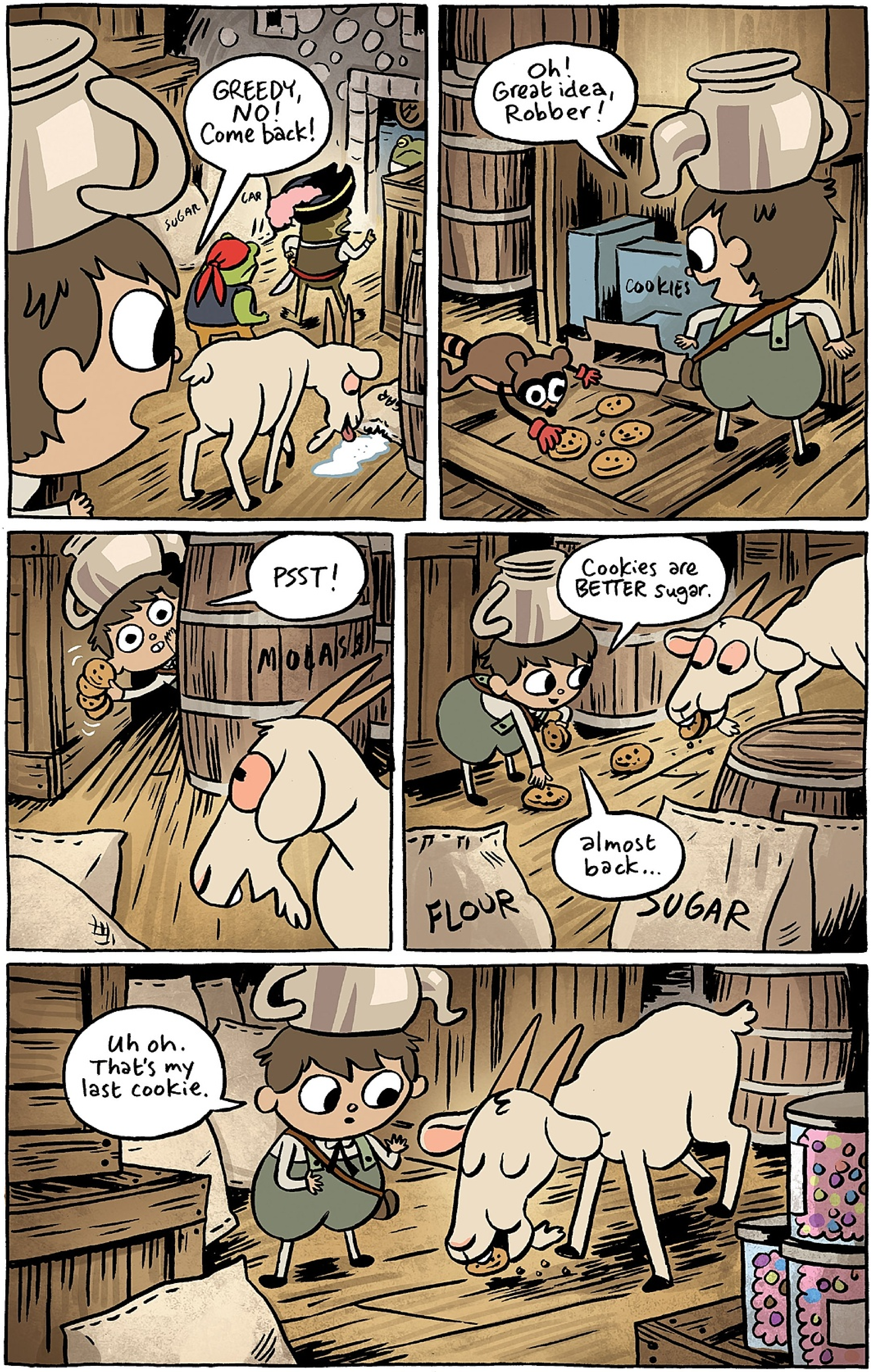

I think I know those Pirates!
KLUNK!
mmm
If it'll help, you can have some of my candy...
STUFF
Wasn't that supposed to be for the orphans?
MORE SWEETS!

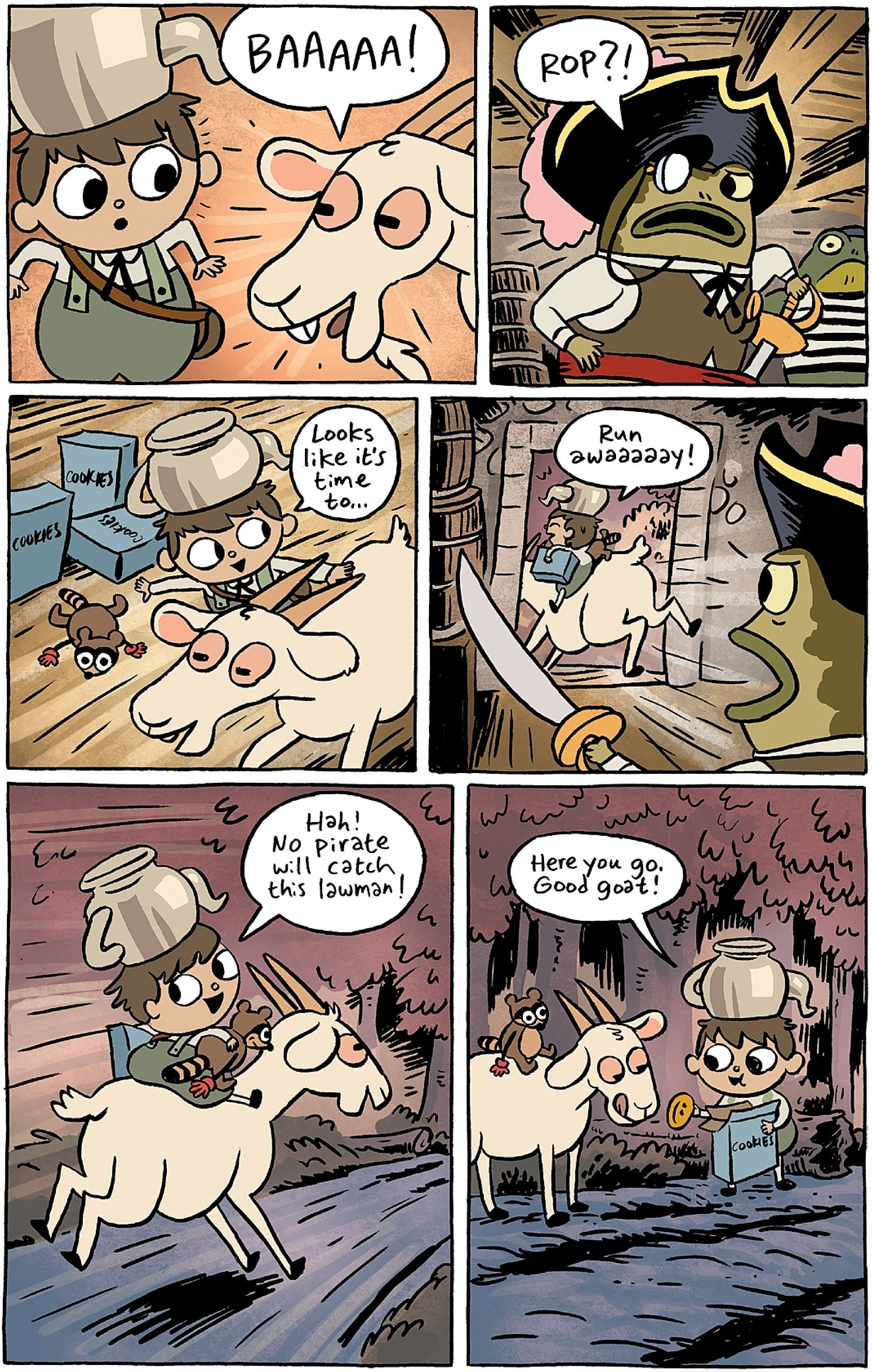

YEAH! Sniff that frog out!
SNIF
SNIF
SNIF
Hmm... This doesn't look like frog tracks, Greedy. Are you sure we're on the right trail?
GREEDY! GET BACK HERE!
I should've known never to trust a greedy Goat.
HUH?
SUGAR
COC
ROROP.

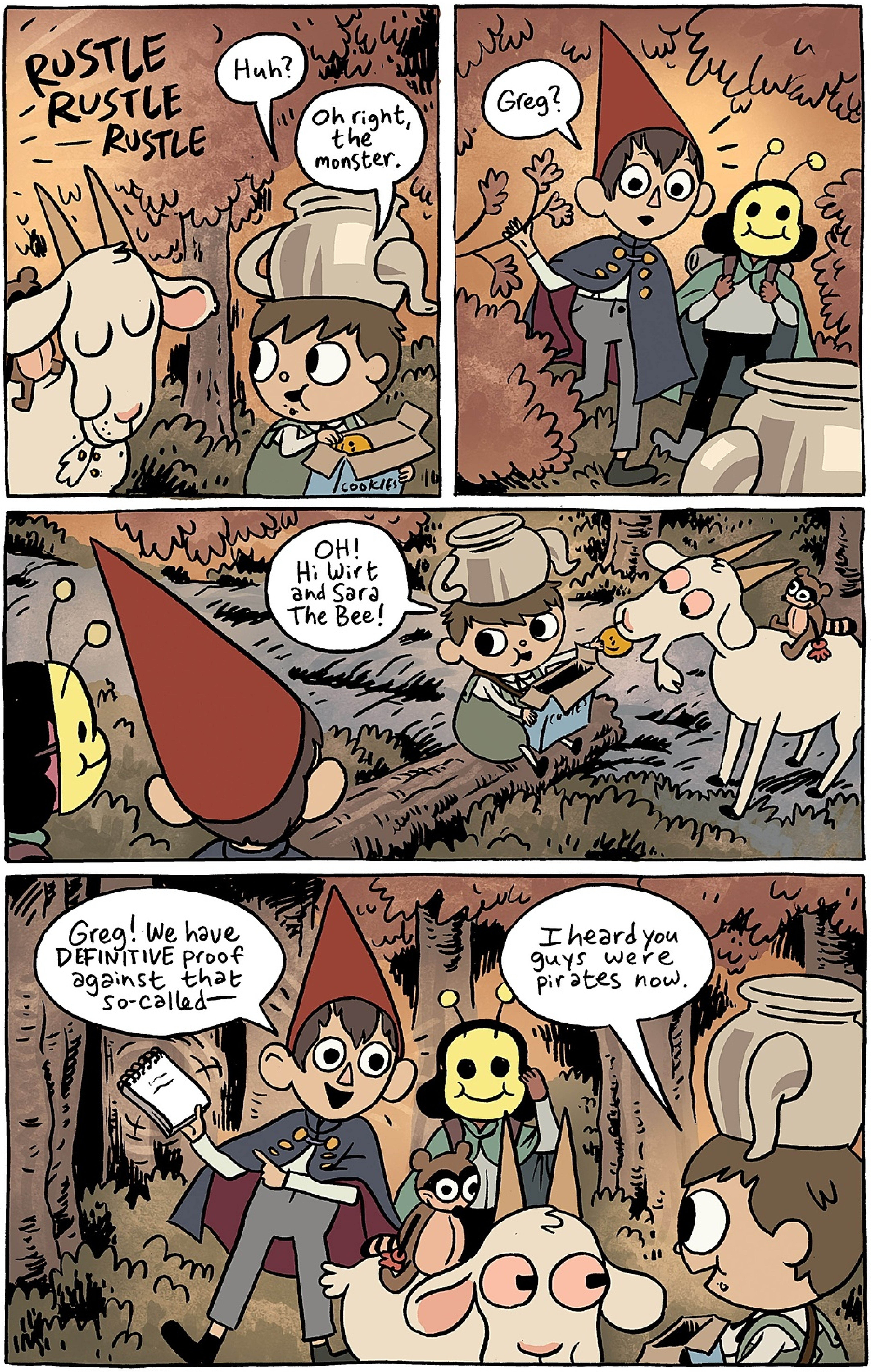

Hrm, that was all my candy. If you want more I hafta head back to town.
MORE!
OK, ok... I'll be back with some snacks, Jack! You wait here.
HRMF!
That's the guy Sara warned us about!
But if Wirt and her are out pirating...
SNIF
We gotta tell Jason the town's in trouble!
SNIF

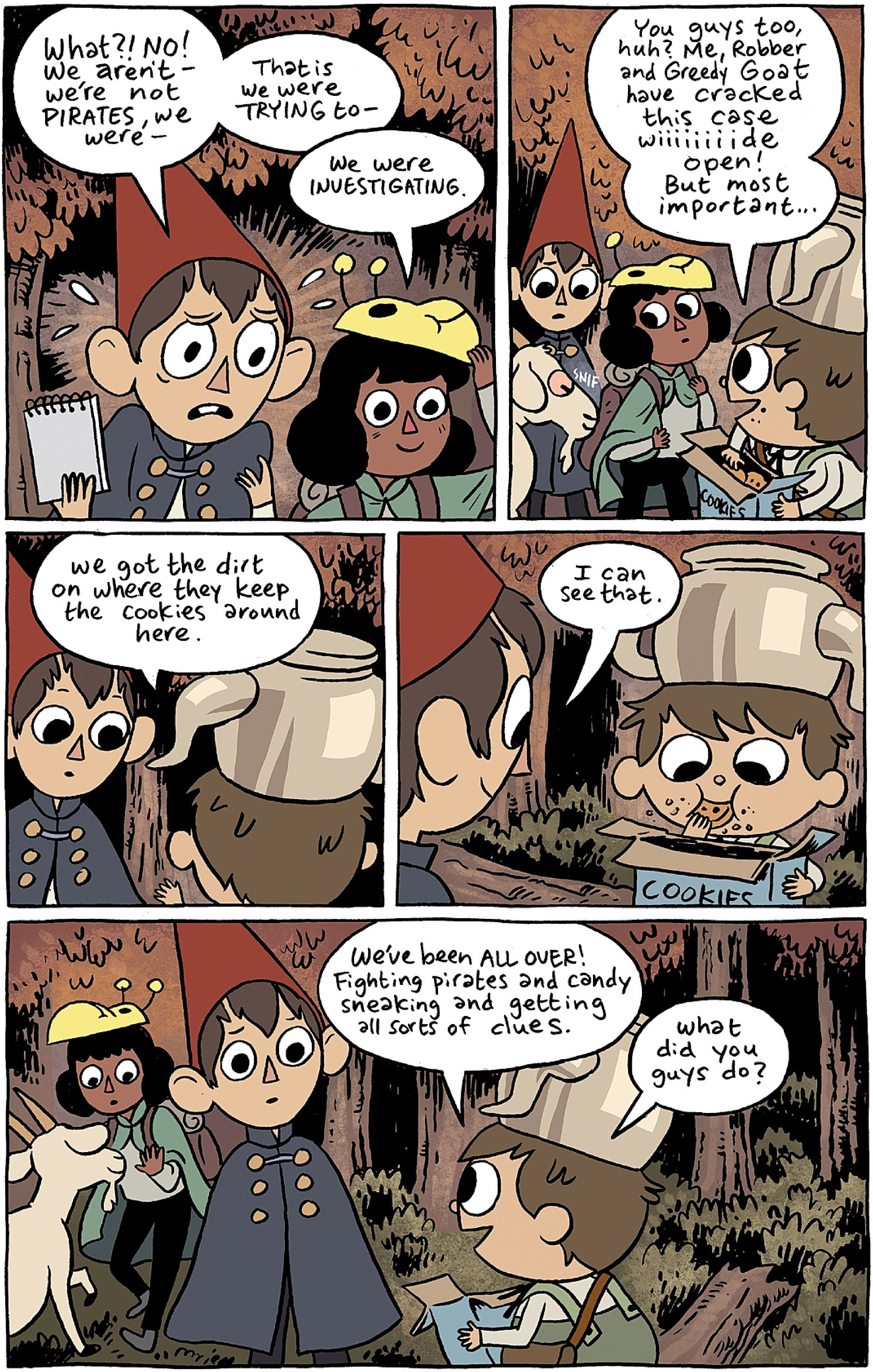

huh?
COOKIES
Rorop.
Rop
FLOUR
SUGAR
PIRATES! Millions of 'em!
Rop!
Pirate Croaker!
Rop rorop rop! Rorop!
The Great Feast is TONIGHT!?
Well, lucky for hero frog, we got this pirate cornered!
F
SUG R
You sneak up behind Croaker, I'll push him into a wheelbarrow. Then we roll him to Jason, Wirt, and Hero Frog!
SUG

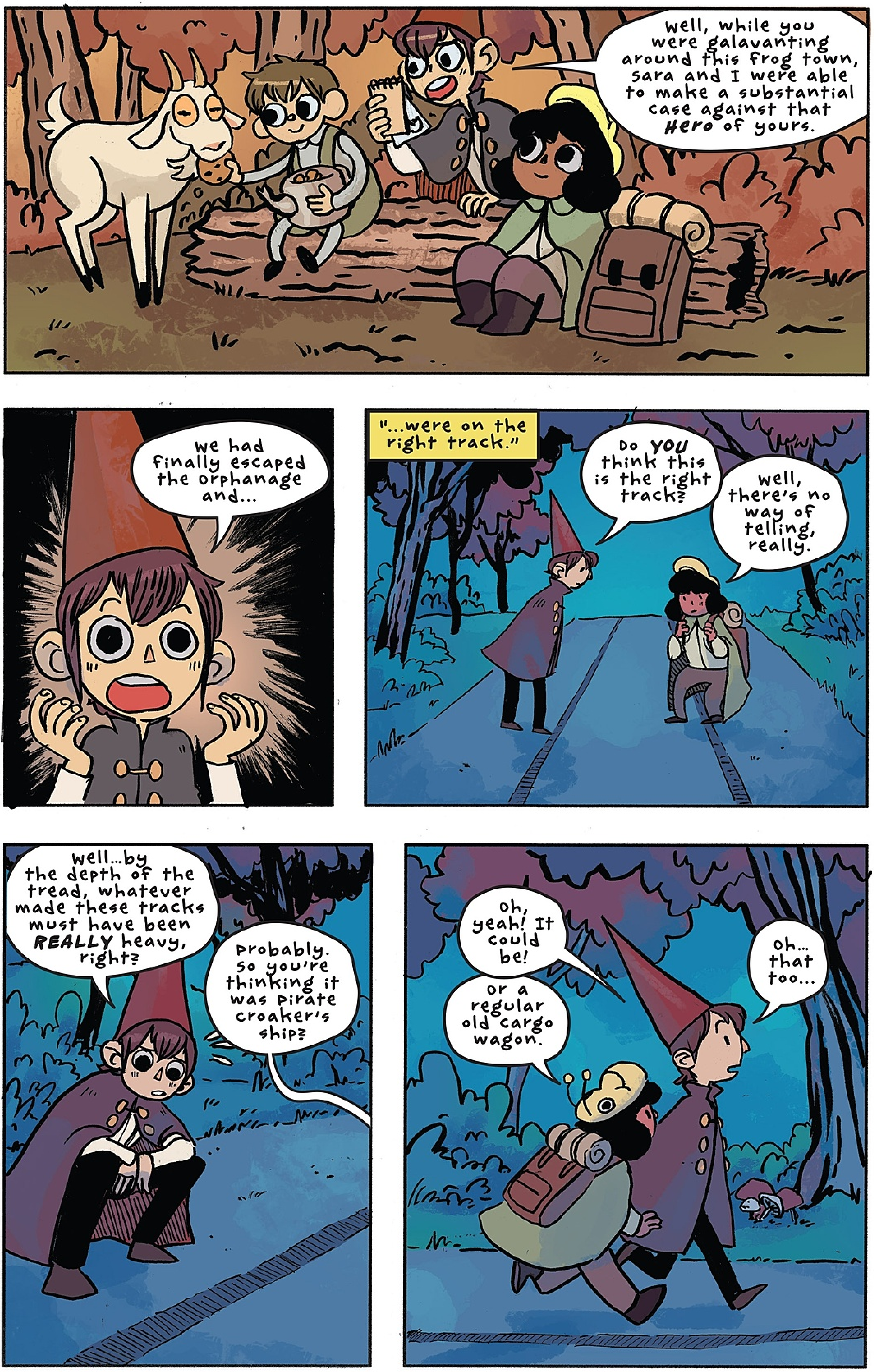

GASP! HERO FROG!
MDROPS
MOL
I guess Jason and Wirt were BOTH right – Hero Frog wasn't helping Pirate Croaker – He IS Pirate Croaker!!
Wait a second – who was Hero Frog helping when we saw him before? Oh man, I should have written down clues instead of sneaking candy.
COCOA
Writing clues isn't as tasty though… Greedy Goat gets it.
Say – where is that goat?

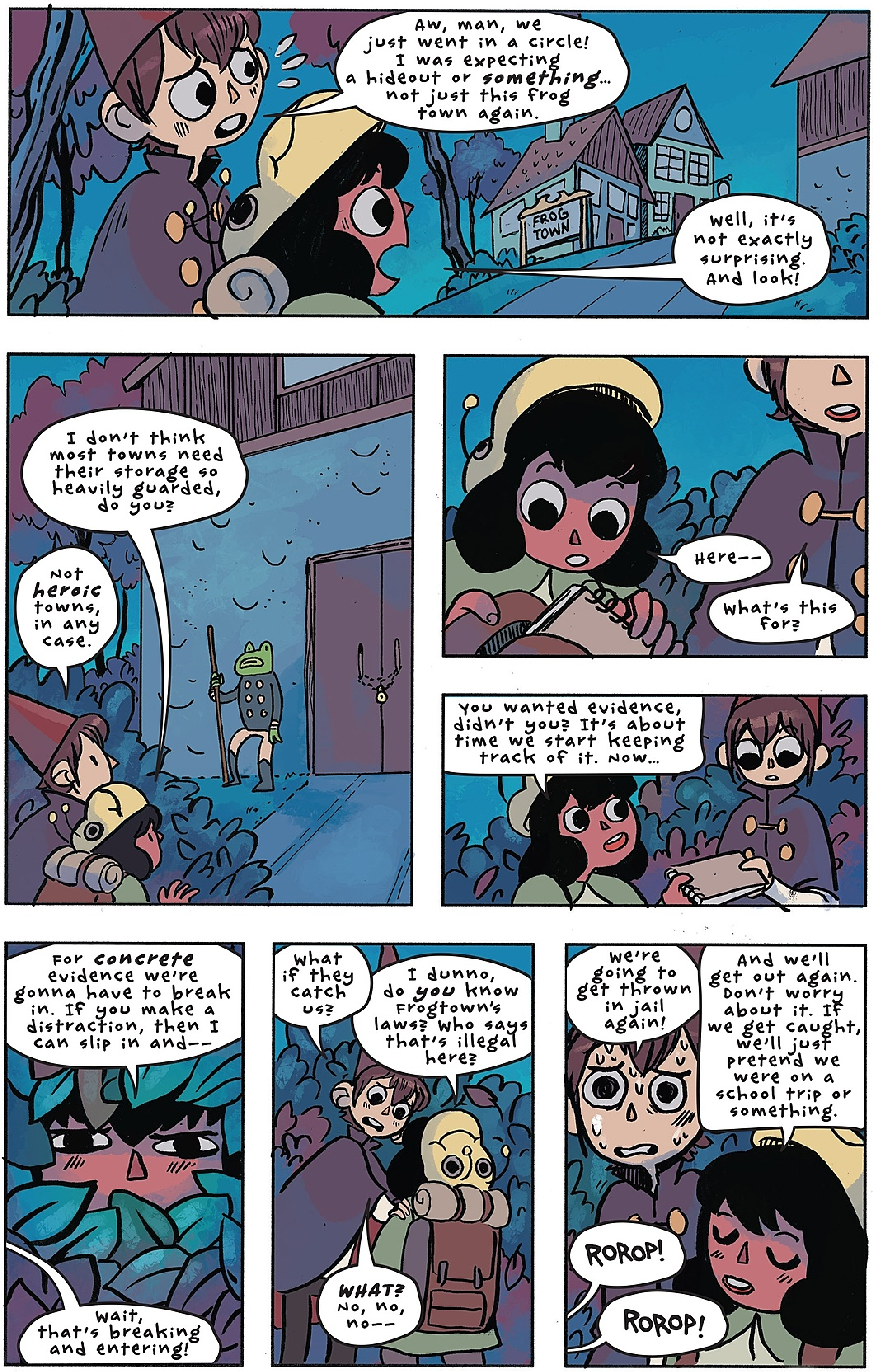

GREEDY, NO! Come back!
SUGAR
CAR
Oh! Great idea, Robber!
COOKIES
PSST!
MOLASS
Cookies are BETTER sugar.
almost back...
FLOUR
SUGAR
Uh oh. That's my last cookie.

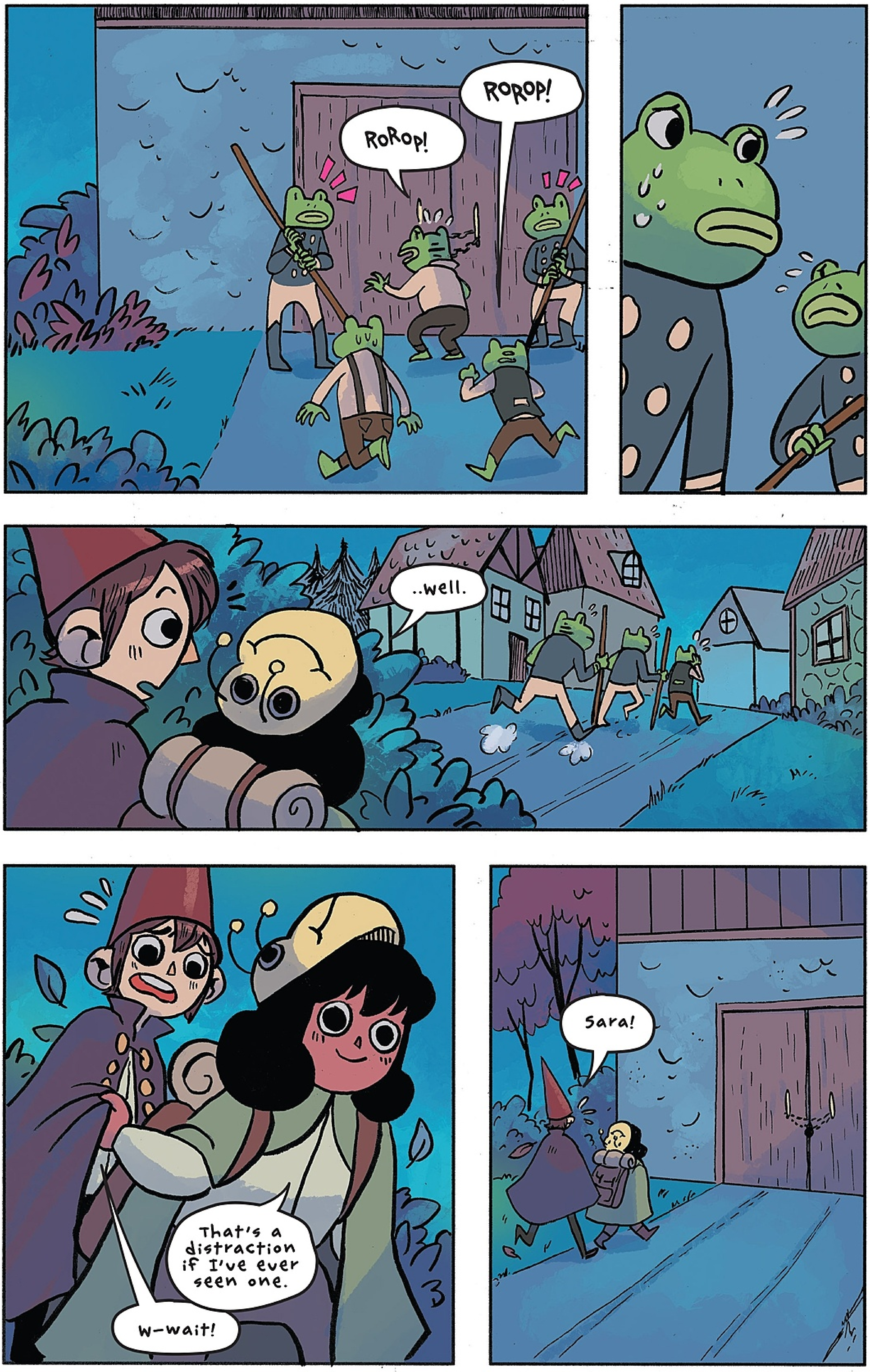

BAAAAA!
ROP?!
COOKIES
COOKIES
COOKIES
Looks like it's time to...
Run awaaaaay!
Hah! No pirate will catch this lawman!
Here you go. Good goat!
COOKIES

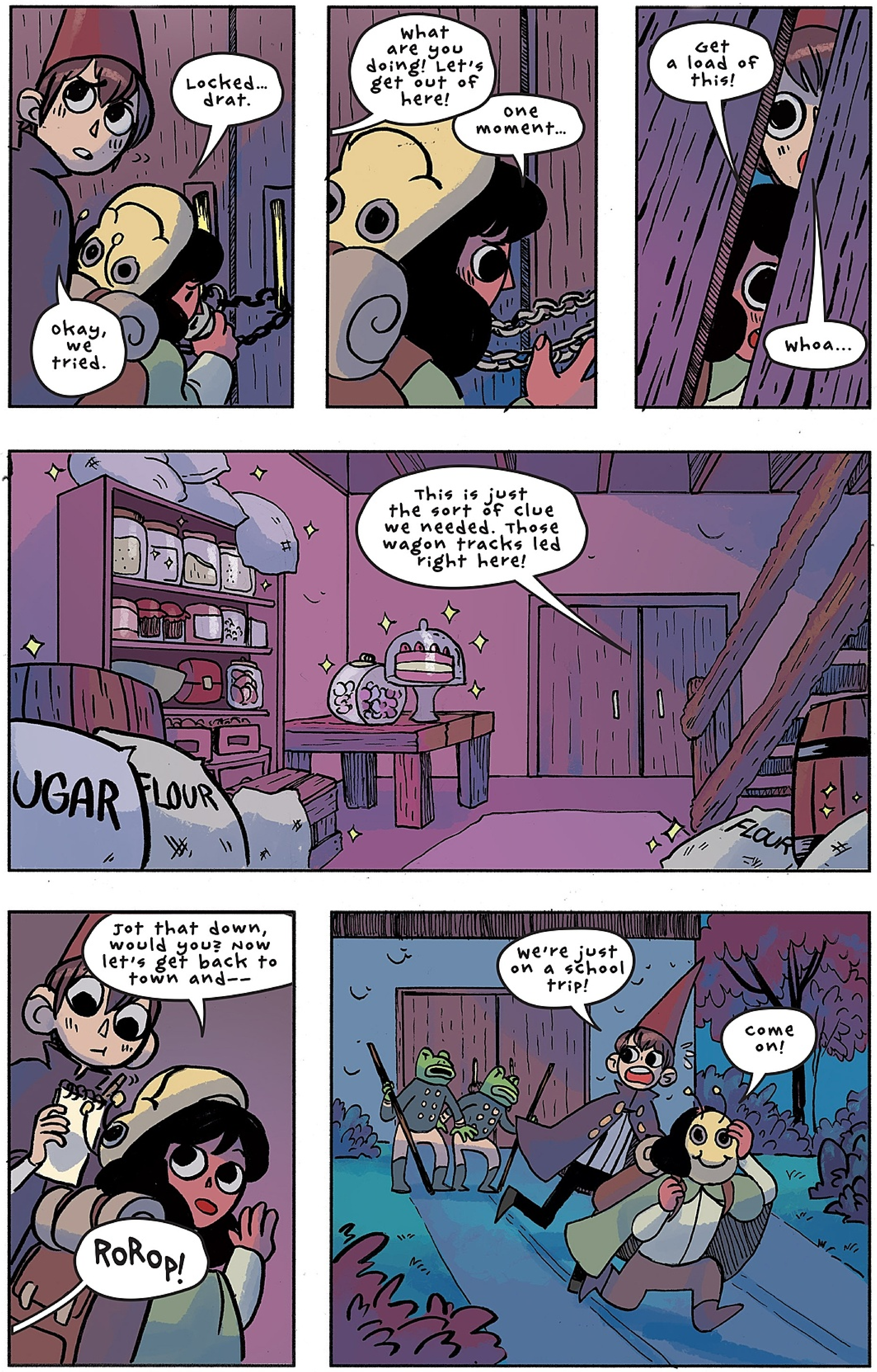

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
Huh?
Oh right, the monster.
COOKIES
Greg?
OH! Hi Wirt and Sara The Bee!
Greg! We have DEFINITIVE proof against that so-called—
I heard you guys were pirates now.

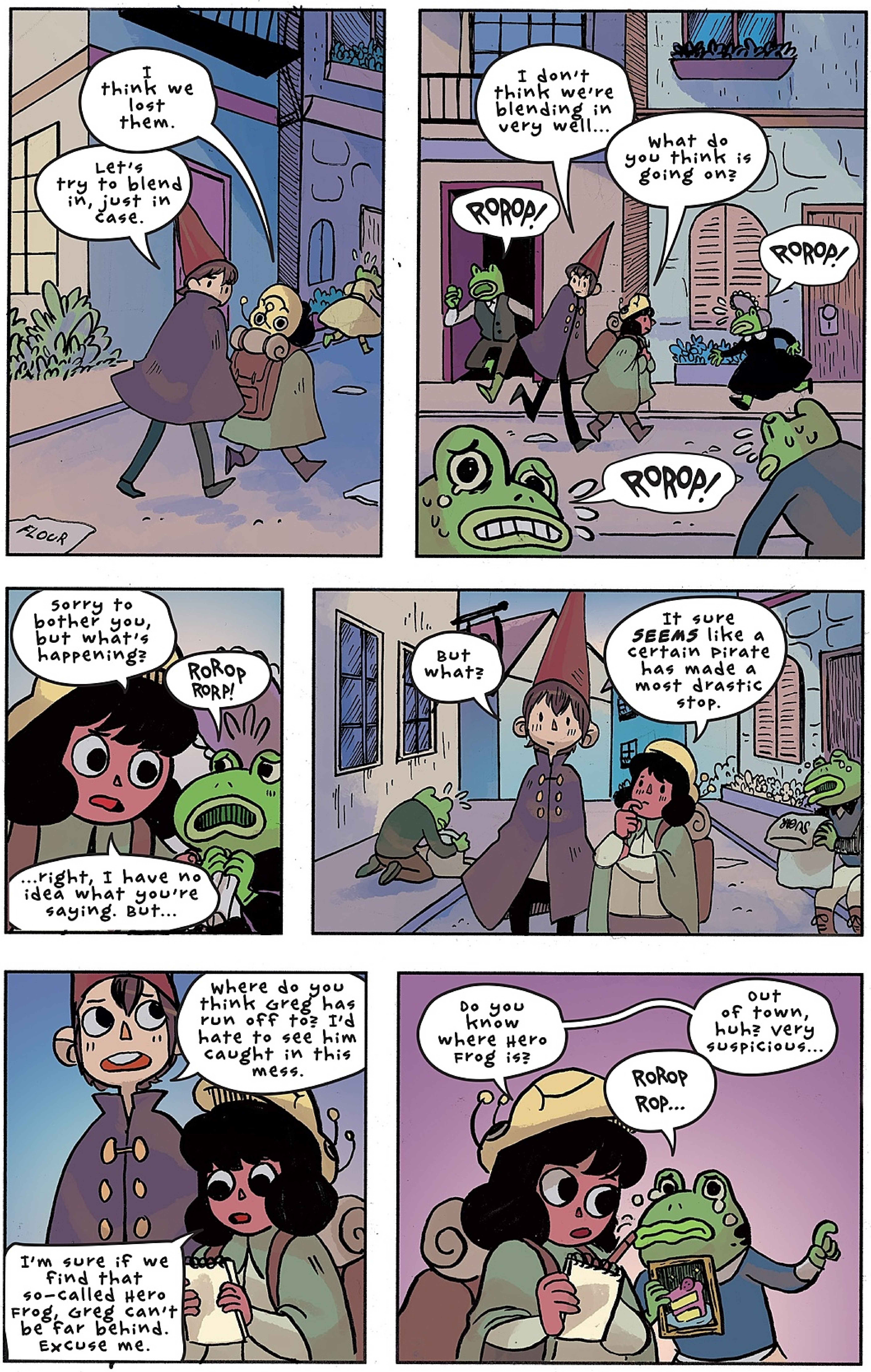

What?! NO! We aren't - we're not PIRATES, we were -
That is we were TRYING to -
We were INVESTIGATING.
You guys too, huh? Me, Robber and Greedy Goat have cracked this case wiiiiiiiide open! But most important...
SNIF
COOKIES
we got the dirt on where they keep the cookies around here.
I can see that.
COOKIES
We've been ALL OVER! Fighting pirates and candy sneaking and getting all sorts of clues.
what did you guys do?

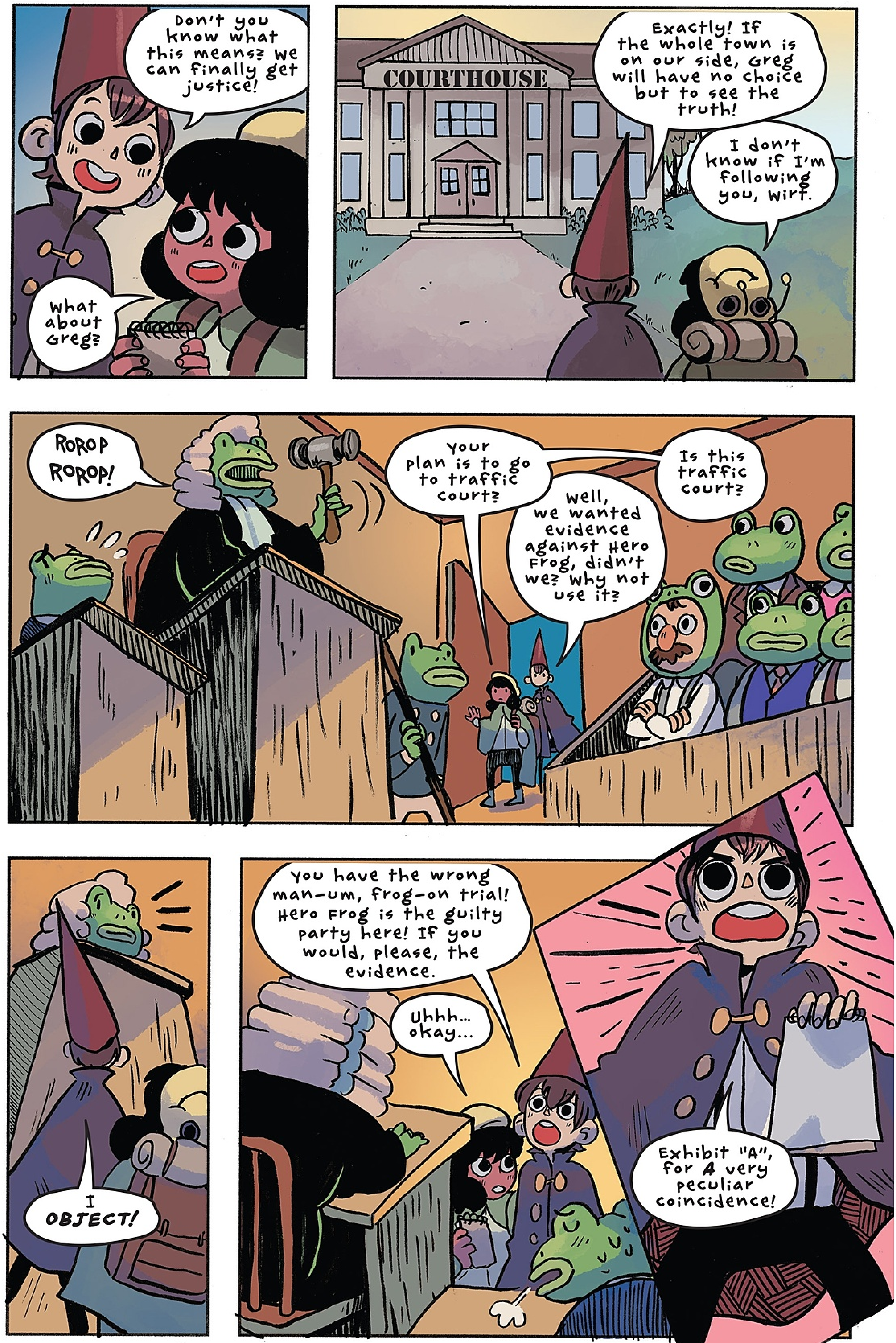

well, while you were galavanting around this frog town, sara and I were able to make a substantial case against that *Hero* of yours.
we had finally escaped the orphanage and...
"...were on the right track."
Do **YOU** think this is the right track?
well, there's no way of telling, really.
well...by the depth of the tread, whatever made these tracks must have been **REALLY** heavy, right?
probably. So you're thinking it was pirate croaker's ship?
oh, yeah! It could be!
or a regular old cargo wagon.
oh... that too...

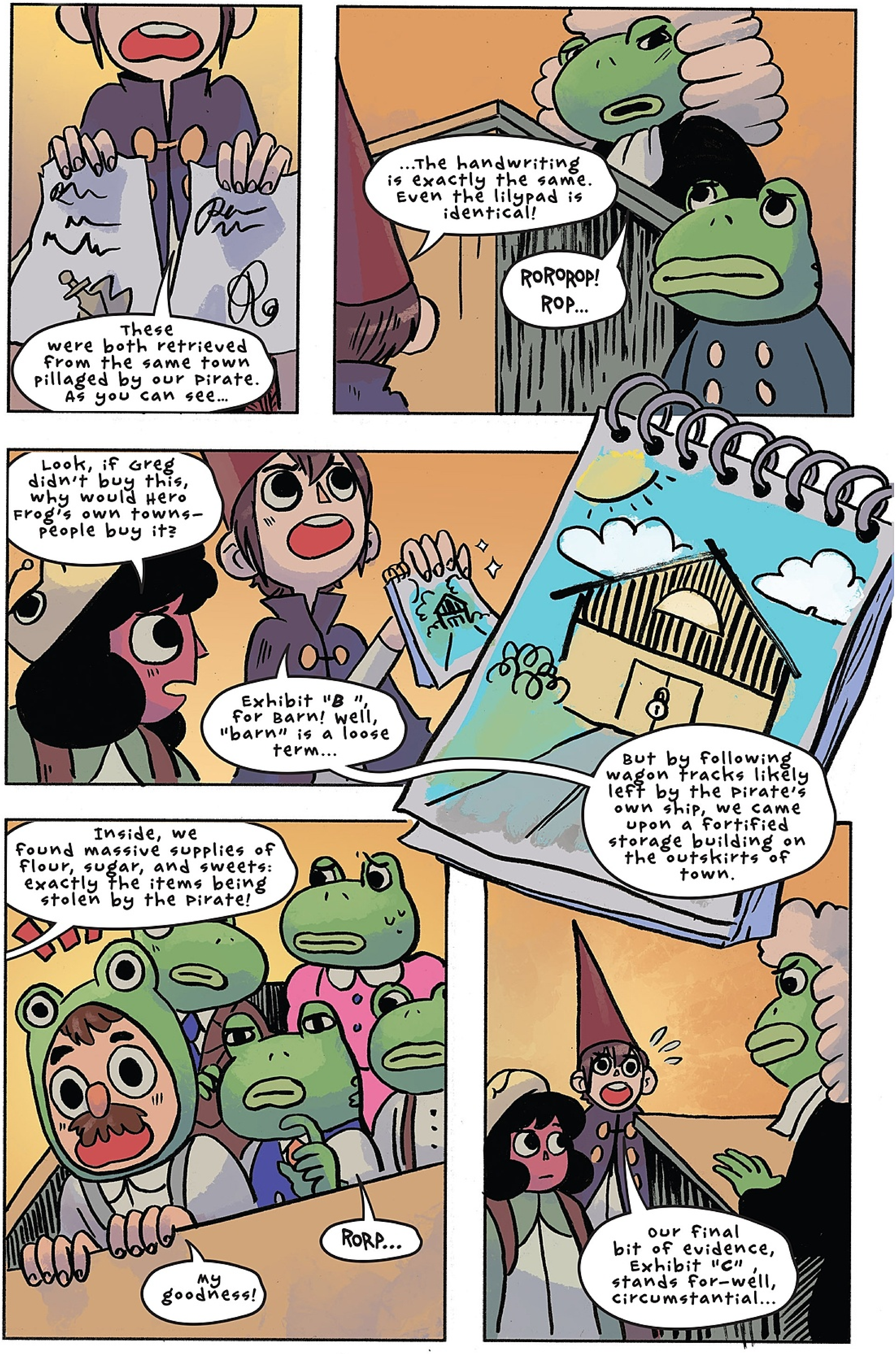

Aw, man, we just went in a circle! I was expecting a hideout or *something*... not just this frog town again.
FROG TOWN
Well, it's not exactly surprising. And look!
I don't think most towns need their storage so heavily guarded, do you?
Not *heroic* towns, in any case.
Here--
What's this for?
You wanted evidence, didn't you? It's about time we start keeping track of it. Now...
For *concrete* evidence we're gonna have to break in. If you make a distraction, then I can slip in and--
Wait, that's breaking and entering!
What if they catch us?
I dunno, do *you* know Frogtown's laws? Who says that's illegal here?
WHAT? No, no, no--
We're going to get thrown in jail again!
And we'll get out again. Don't worry about it. If we get caught, we'll just pretend we were on a school trip or something.
ROROP!
ROROP!

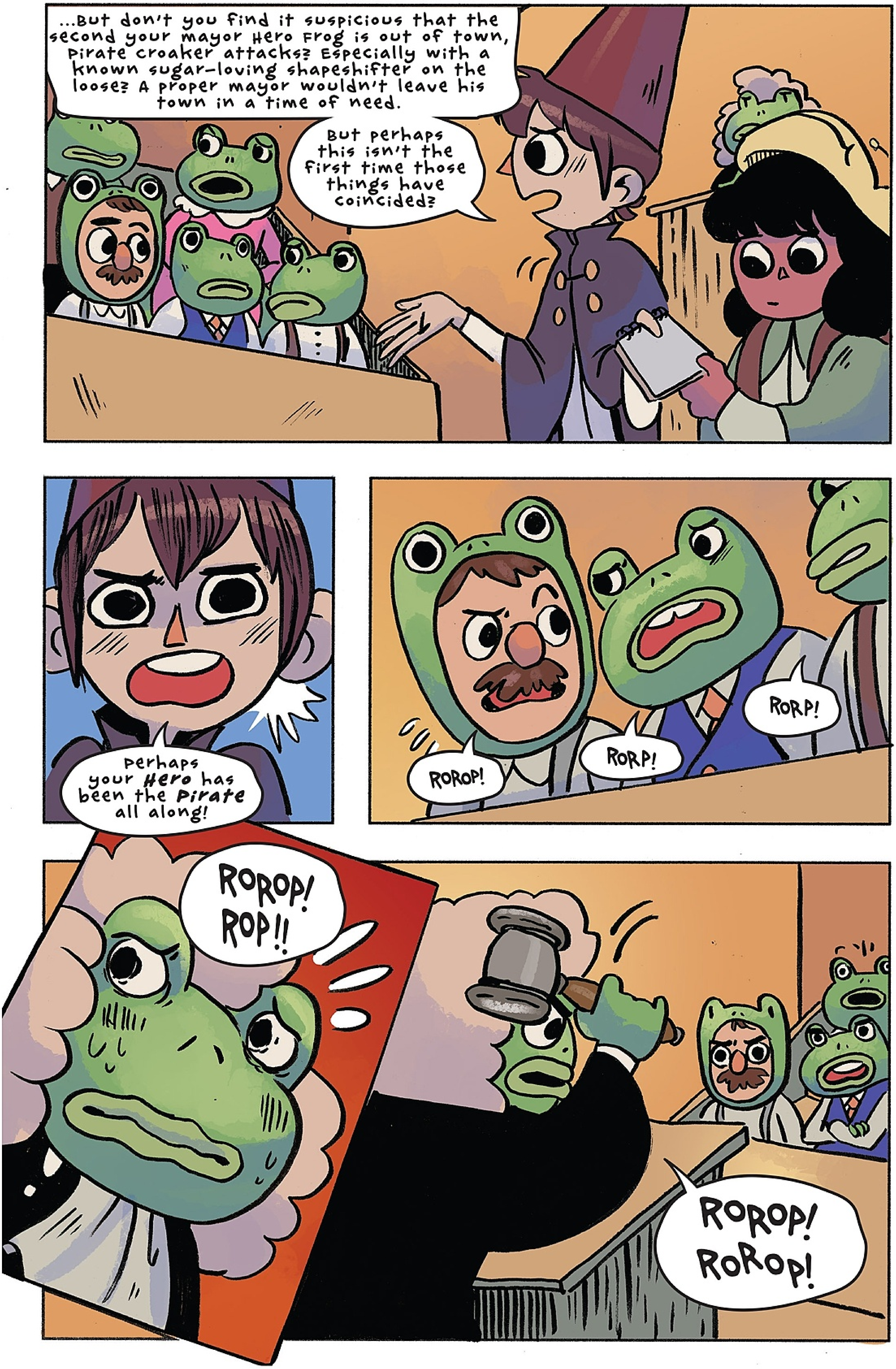

RoRop!
ROROP!
..well.
That's a distraction if I've ever seen one.
W-wait!
Sara!

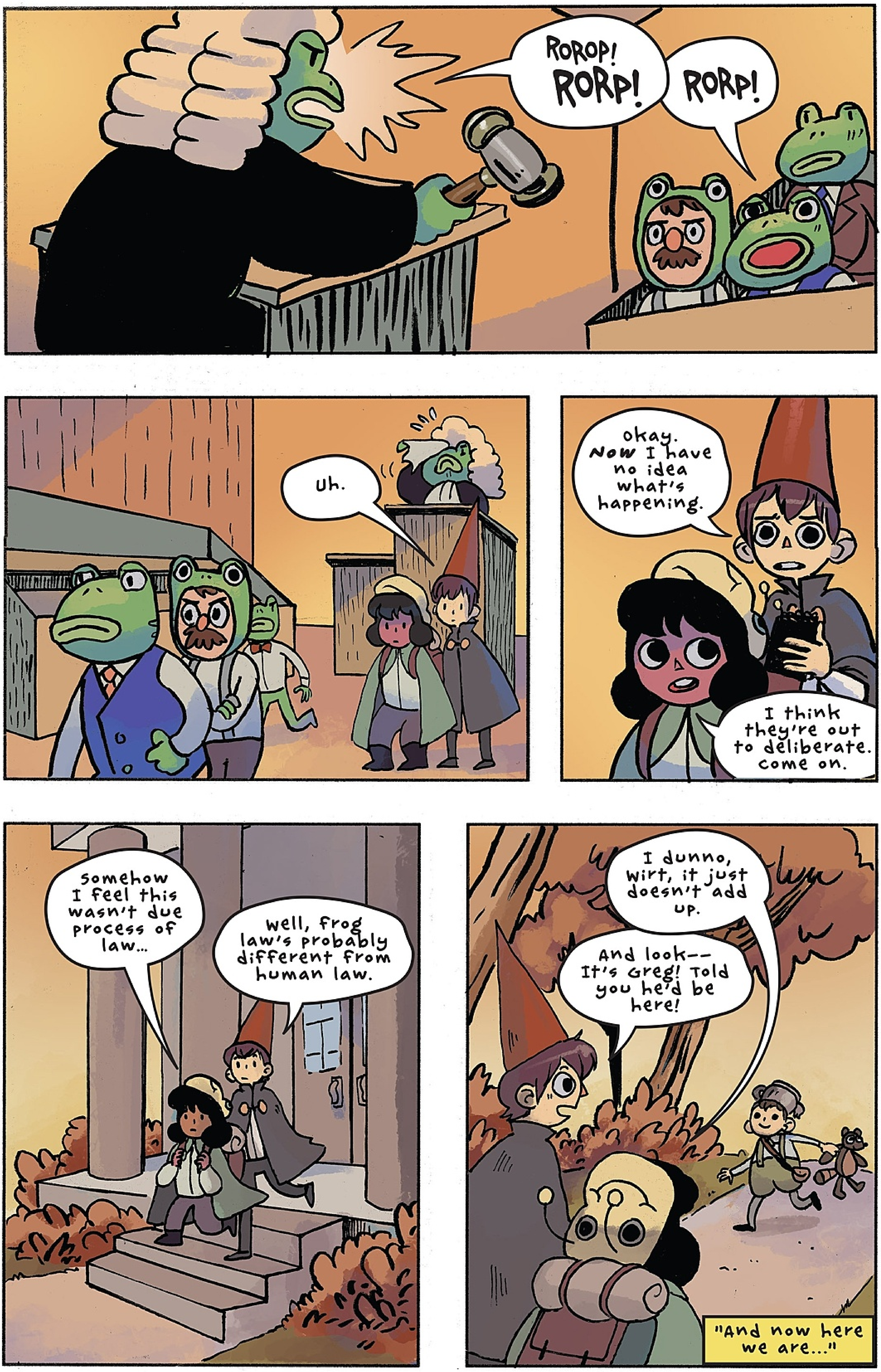

Locked... drat.
okay, we tried.
What are you doing! Let's get out of here!
one moment...
Get a load of this!
whoa...
This is just the sort of clue we needed. Those wagon tracks led right here!
UGAR
FLOUR
FLOUR
Jot that down, would you? Now let's get back to town and--
RoRop!
We're just on a school trip!
come on!

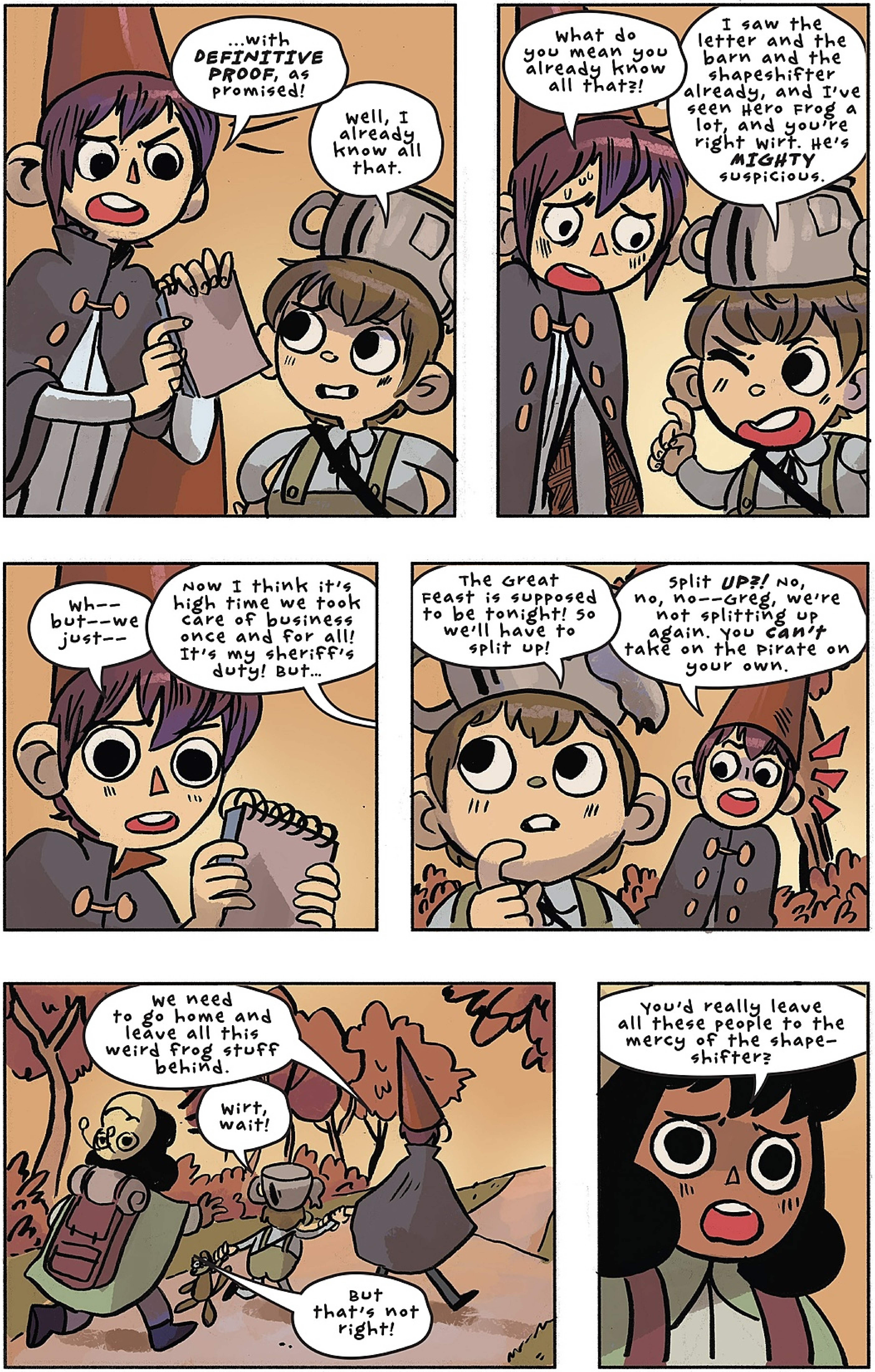

I think we lost them.
Let's try to blend in, just in case.
FLOUR
I don't think we're blending in very well...
ROROP!
What do you think is going on?
ROROP!
ROROP!
Sorry to bother you, but what's happening?
RoRop RORP!
...right, I have no idea what you're saying. But...
But what?
It sure **SEEMS** like a certain pirate has made a most drastic stop.
Where do you think Greg has run off to? I'd hate to see him caught in this mess.
I'm sure if we find that so-called Hero Frog, Greg can't be far behind. Excuse me.
Do you know where Hero Frog is?
RoRop Rop...
Out of town, huh? Very suspicious...

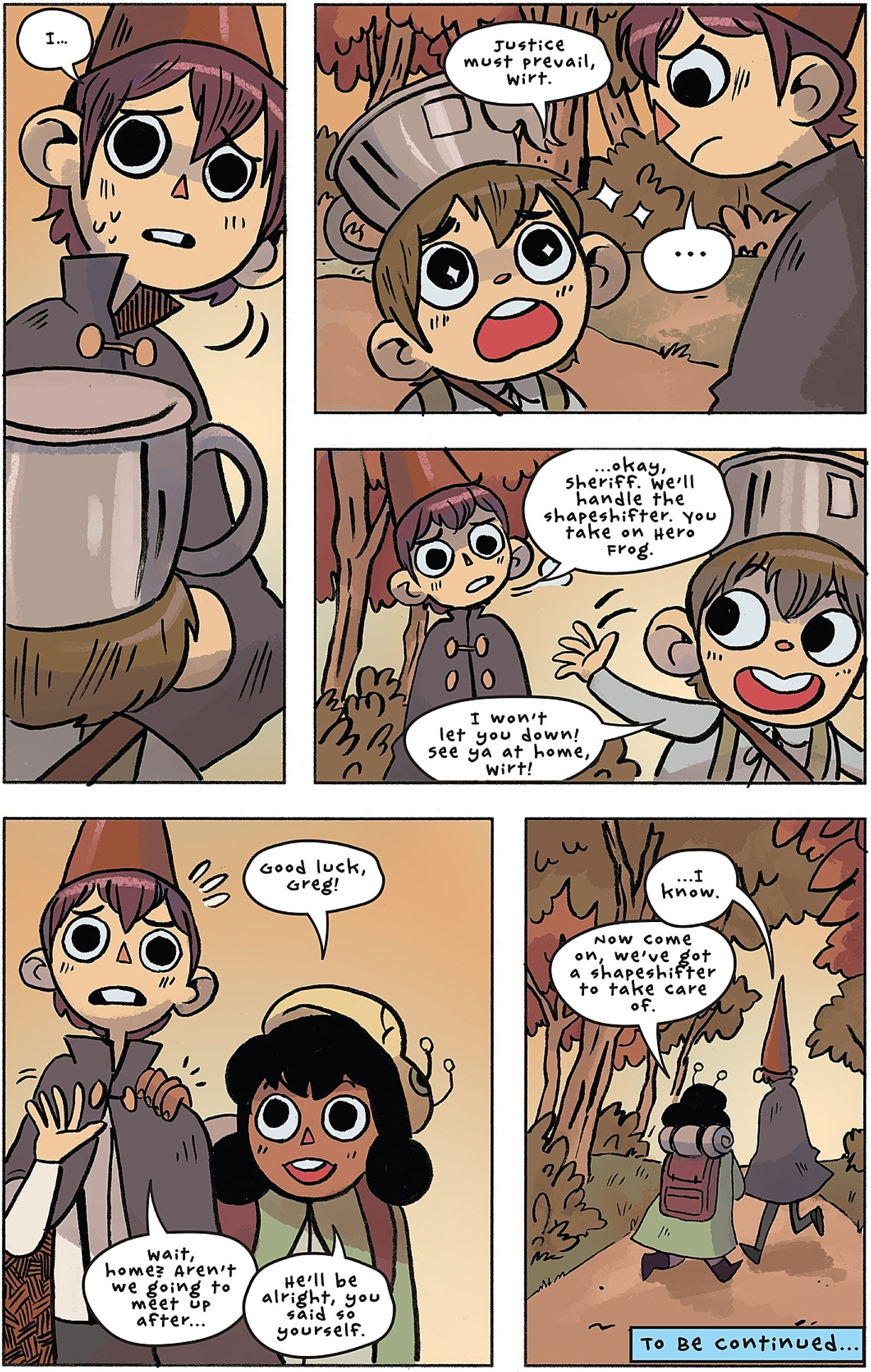

Don't you know what this means? We can finally get justice!
What about Greg?
COURTHOUSE
Exactly! If the whole town is on our side, Greg will have no choice but to see the truth!
I don't know if I'm following you, Wirt.
ROROP ROROP!
Your plan is to go to traffic court?
Is this traffic court?
Well, we wanted evidence against Hero Frog, didn't we? Why not use it?
I OBJECT!
You have the wrong man—um, frog—on trial! Hero Frog is the guilty party here! If you would, please, the evidence.
Uhhh... okay...
Exhibit "A", for A very peculiar coincidence!


These were both retrieved from the same town pillaged by our pirate. As you can see...
...The handwriting is exactly the same. Even the lilypad is identical!
ROROROP! ROP...
Look, if Greg didn't buy this, why would Hero Frog's own townspeople buy it?
Exhibit "B", for Barn! Well, "barn" is a loose term...
But by following wagon tracks likely left by the pirate's own ship, we came upon a fortified storage building on the outskirts of town.
Inside, we found massive supplies of flour, sugar, and sweets: exactly the items being stolen by the pirate!
RORP...
My goodness!
Our final bit of evidence, Exhibit "C", stands for—well, circumstantial...


...But don't you find it suspicious that the second your mayor Hero Frog is out of town, Pirate Croaker attacks? Especially with a known sugar-loving shapeshifter on the loose? A proper mayor wouldn't leave his town in a time of need.
But perhaps this isn't the first time those things have coincided?
Perhaps your Hero has been the Pirate all along!
ROROP!
RORP!
RORP!
ROROP! ROP!!
ROROP! ROROP!


RoROP! RORP!
RORP!
Uh.
okay. Now I have no idea what's happening.
I think they're out to deliberate. come on.
Somehow I feel this wasn't due process of law...
well, frog law's probably different from human law.
I dunno, wirt, it just doesn't add up.
And look-- It's Greg! Told you he'd be here!
"And now here we are..."


...with DEFINITIVE PROOF, as promised!
Well, I already know all that.
What do you mean you already know all that?!
I saw the letter and the barn and the shapeshifter already, and I've seen Hero Frog a lot, and you're right Wirt. He's MIGHTY suspicious.
Wh-- but--we just--
Now I think it's high time we took care of business once and for all! It's my sheriff's duty! But...
The Great Feast is supposed to be tonight! So we'll have to split up!
Split UP?! No, no, no--Greg, we're not splitting up again. You can't take on the Pirate on your own.
We need to go home and leave all this weird frog stuff behind.
Wirt, wait!
But that's not right!
You'd really leave all these people to the mercy of the shape-shifter?


I...
Justice must prevail, Wirt.
...
...okay, sheriff. We'll handle the shapeshifter. You take on Hero Frog.
I won't let you down! See ya at home, Wirt!
Good luck, Greg!
Wait, home? Aren't we going to meet up after...
He'll be alright, you said so yourself.
...I know.
Now come on, we've got a shapeshifter to take care of.
To Be continued...